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***Raised Bill No. 305***

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Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:  
(CE)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE FILM PERMITTING PROCESS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2016*) (a) The Department of  
2       Economic and Community Development, through its Office of Film,  
3       Television and Digital Media, shall serve as a state-wide point of  
4       contact for all producers of film, television and digital media  
5       productions requesting permission to (1) conduct film production  
6       activities on state-owned property, including, but not limited to, all  
7       state roads and highways, railroads and train stations, state forests and  
8       parks, airports and seaports, hospitals and all campuses of the public  
9       institutions of higher education in the state; and (2) use any other state-  
10      owned real or personal property for such purposes.

11      (b) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development  
12      may issue a state film permit, on a form designated by the  
13      commissioner, to any person seeking to conduct film production  
14      activities on such state-owned property. Such permit shall specify the  
15      insurance coverage that the permittee shall be required to obtain, as  
16      determined by the commissioner in consultation with the state's

17 Director of Insurance and Risk Management, with the state named as  
18 an additional insured. No liability shall accrue to the state or any  
19 agency or employee of the state for any injuries or damages to any  
20 person or property that may result, either directly or indirectly, from  
21 such film production activities of the permittee on such state-owned  
22 property.

23 (c) A state film permit shall identify the person requesting  
24 permission to conduct film production activities on state property and  
25 indicate that the permittee has provided documentation to the  
26 Department of Economic and Community Development substantiating  
27 the permittee's ability to conduct indemnified film production  
28 activities. Any permittee seeking permission to conduct film  
29 production activities on property controlled by a state agency,  
30 authority or institution shall present such permit to such agency,  
31 authority or institution when the permittee requests such permission.  
32 Following the presentment of such permit by a permittee, such state  
33 agency, authority or institution may authorize film production  
34 activities by the permittee on such property.

35 (d) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,  
36 pursuant to section 32-1p of the general statutes, shall establish  
37 guidelines to be used in working with state agencies, authorities or  
38 institutions to implement the provisions of this section. Such  
39 guidelines shall include, but not be limited to: (1) An agency contact at  
40 the Office of Film, Television and Digital Media for filing permit  
41 applications and for obtaining information on permit requirements; (2)  
42 identification of each individual within each respective state agency  
43 who shall be a point of contact for an agency permit application; (3) a  
44 mandatory preapplication review process to reduce permitting issues  
45 or conflicts by providing guidance to applicants on (A) information  
46 required for authorization or permit approval from the relevant state  
47 agencies, authorities or institutions, (B) specifications for desired on-  
48 site production and production-related activities, site suitability and  
49 limitations, and (C) steps the applicant can take to ensure expeditious

50 permit application; (4) a single, coordinated production activity  
 51 description form, including an equipment checklist and personnel  
 52 roster; (5) a process by which the Office of Film, Television and Digital  
 53 Media may forward permit applications to other relevant state  
 54 agencies, authorities or institutions on behalf of an applicant; and (6) at  
 55 the commissioner's discretion, a permit fee structure.

56 (e) The Office of Film, Television and Digital Media, at the request  
 57 of the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, may  
 58 request the assistance of any other agency, authority or institution of  
 59 the state to assist in providing information and assistance as may be  
 60 necessary to expedite such office's duties and responsibilities under  
 61 this section. Each officer or employee of such other agency, authority  
 62 or institution of the state shall make reasonable efforts to cooperate  
 63 with the Office of Film, Television and Digital Media.

64 Sec. 2. Section 13a-259 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 65 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

66 The Commissioner of Transportation, following the presentment of  
 67 a state film permit by a person pursuant to subsection (c) of section 1  
 68 of this act, may issue a filming permit, on a form required by the  
 69 commissioner, to [any] such person seeking to create photographs,  
 70 moving images, footage and sound recordings for commercial,  
 71 entertainment or advertising purposes upon any state highway right-  
 72 of-way or state real property under the custody and control of the  
 73 Department of Transportation. Such permit shall specify the insurance  
 74 coverage that the permittee shall be required to obtain, as determined  
 75 by the commissioner in consultation with the state's Director of  
 76 Insurance and Risk Management, with the state named as an  
 77 additional insured. No liability shall accrue to the state or any agency  
 78 or employee of the state for any injuries or damages to any person or  
 79 property that may result, either directly or indirectly, from the filming  
 80 activities of the permittee on state real property or state highway right-  
 81 of-way. The commissioner shall develop any such permit in

82 consultation with the Commissioner of Economic and Community  
83 Development.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	13a-259

***Statement of Purpose:***

To streamline the permitting process for a film project by making the Department of Economic and Community Development's Office of Film, Television and Digital Media the single state-wide point of contact.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*